

## BLAME LAID ON GREAT BRITAIN

### IN THE REPLY OF GERMANY TO AMERICA

#### AMERICA REQUESTED TO RESPECT THE STRUGGLE OF GERMAN FOR EXISTENCE

Berlin, Feb. 18.—It is learned today that the German reply to the United States' protest which has been forwarded to Washington, after the most friendly assurances, accuses Great Britain of violating the international shipping laws.

It asserts that Germany's action was necessitated by Great Britain attempting to cut off Germany's food supply, and recommends that American ships avoid the war zone around Great Britain. It also suggests that all American ships passing through the war zone be recognized by convoys of warships flying the United States ensign. The reply emphatically states that only ships carrying no contraband should be conveyed.

The British practice of using neutral flags on merchant ships is severely censured, and the hope is expressed that the United States will fully respect the struggle of Germany for national existence.

It is reported that the admiralty has information of the intention of Great Britain to torpedo the first incoming American steamer and charge the sinking of the vessel to the German submarines.

## TEUTONIC ALLIES ANNOUNCE TRIUMPHS

### WIN OVER RUSSIANS IN EAST AND HOLD GROUND IN THE WEST

Vienna, Feb. 18.—Austrian troops captured the important Galician railway center of Kolomea, on the Pruth river, taking 2,000 prisoners, after a two days' battle. Four thousand Russians were also captured in the Carpathians, where the general battle continues as far as Wyszokow.

#### ADMIT SLIGHT GAIN FOR ALLIES

Berlin, Feb. 18.—It is officially admitted that the British between Arras and Lille have made slight gains. The Germans evacuated the village of Norroy. The allies continue on the offensive against the right wing of the German line, but attacks in the Champagne district have ceased.

In the east the Germans are attacking the Russians near Tauraggen and in the district west of Grodam.

#### WILLIAM IN THE WEST

The Kaiser has returned from his tour of inspection in the east. He is planning to visit Cuxhaven and Heligoland.

#### AUSTRIA NEEDS CORN CLUBS

London, Feb. 18.—An official decree extending Austria's rights of requisition to maize has been published in the Official Gazette at Budapest.

#### CITRA

Citra, Feb. 17.—Mr. B. F. Driver of Lima, O., is visiting his brother, C. W. Driver.

Miss Edna Borland of Fort Myers was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Patience Borland, this week.

Miss Peeler made an interesting address at the Baptist church Sunday morning. She spoke of the work being done by the Baptists on the mission fields.

At the Methodist church Sunday afternoon Mrs. S. S. Harris talked to the ladies about the indemnity girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Wartmann are now comfortably located in their pretty cottage on University street.

Mrs. Logan entertained the mission study class Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Williams, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is improving.

Mrs. Stevens and sister of Sparr were guests of Mrs. Colbert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Borland, Mrs. Partridge, C. W. and B. F. Driver are in Tampa this week.

Jack Sherouse was a visitor to Ocala Monday afternoon.

Cut glass, beautiful designs, at The Murray Company. 18-3t

## BANK HAS A BIRTHDAY

Four years ago today the Ocala National Bank began its existence in a little room in the northwest corner of the Ocala House block. It had a good list of depositors and a big budget of deposits, but it didn't look very imposing from the outside.

Today it has its own handsome building, the list has lengthened and the budget has bulged.

By way of a birthday present, the treasury department sent the bank an armful of handsome new bills. They are in \$5, \$10 and \$20 notes, bear the legible signatures of President Edwards and Cashier Stokes, look mighty good and are worth their face value anywhere in the United States and possessions.

#### WILLISTON CITIZENS WILL HAVE A WARM WELCOME

For All who Attend the Dedication of their New High School Building

Williston, Feb. 18, 1915. Editor Star: The citizens of our fair city are anticipating a glorious event Friday, Feb. 26th, the occasion being the dedication of our new \$15,000 school building.

We have perfected arrangements for a big barbecue, races of all kinds, an automobile parade headed by a brass band and every other contrivable means of entertainment to make the day a gala one in every respect.

Prof. Murphree, Prof. Saxon, Col. R. W. Davis, Gov. Trammell, Supt. Sheats and many other prominent speakers will be with us and we anticipate an intellectual feast as well as the assured physical one.

It would indeed be a great pleasure to have many Ocalans with us on this day and if they can come we will make their visit an especially enjoyable one.

This movement is for the benefit of our school in particular and all the schools of the county in general. The public spirited citizenship of Williston have subscribed \$500 to this worthy cause and its success is assured.

Hoping to see you in our city Friday, Feb. 26th, we have the honor to be, The Publicity Committee.

#### BRITISH RELEASED THE SCANDINAVIAN BOAT

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—The Scandinavian liner Oscar II., recently held at Kirkwall, has been released and is expected to reach Christiansand tonight.

#### MADE THE TRIP WITHOUT MOLESTATION

Liverpool, Feb. 18.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived from New York today.

#### CLOSED AN EVENTFUL CAREER

A. D. Oliver, King of Climax Assassinated

Leesburg, Ga., Feb. 17.—Three shots fired by unknown persons, killed A. D. Oliver, known as the King of Climax, a man famous for his financial schemes throughout the South, in front of his bank here last night about 8.30 o'clock.

#### GERMANY HAS LOST A GOOD GUNNER

Edinburgh, Feb. 18.—Captain Erdman, commander of the German cruiser Bluecher, who was captured when his vessel sank in the North Sea battle of January 25, died here today of pneumonia. Captain Erdman was one of the greatest gunnery authorities in the German navy.

#### NEW SPRING SEED

Our new seeds for spring planting for both field and garden, are now in. We can furnish them in any quantity on short notice.

13-tf Bitting & Mathews, 410 N. Magnolia St., Ocala, Fla.

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT

### BY DEMOCRATS TO PASS SHIPPING BILL

#### REGARDED AS LIKELY TO FAIL AND PRESIDENT WILL LAY BLAME ON REPUBLICANS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Administration leaders in the Senate today are making a final effort to break the deadlock over the ship purchase bill before giving up the fight and passing to the appropriation bills. With the republican filibuster as strong as when it was started a month ago, the outlook for the bill is gloomy. It is reported that the president is now making no effort to prevent the bill being side-tracked and is willing to place the blame on the republicans for failure to pass the bill.

## SEVERAL SUCCESSES

### ANNOUNCED BY THE ALLIES. BRITAIN AWAITS THE FIRST GERMAN BLOW

Paris, Feb. 18.—The allies scored several successes along the battle front today, the most important being in the Argonne and along the Meuse river, advancing four hundred yards.

#### BRITAIN AWAITS FIRST BLOW

London, Feb. 18.—England is "sitting tight," awaiting the first blow from German submarines. Channel steamer traffic is being maintained.

#### VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

The Star has a thousand packages of garden seed and several hundred packages of flower seeds, supplied by the department of agriculture at Washington which we will be pleased to give to anyone who will call for them or mail same to any address in the state.

These vegetable and flower seeds are supplied us through Congressman Claude L'Engle, of Jacksonville, to whom the government has sent a very large quantity for free distribution. Mr. L'Engle, though confined to his bed at his home in Ortega, Jacksonville, wrote the Star that he would supply us with the seed and that we could mail them under his government frank if we would agree to pass them out. Call or write the Star if you wish seed.

#### ALLIED AVIATORS MADE ANOTHER ATTACK

London, Feb. 18.—Forty French and British aeroplanes and seaplanes yesterday attacked the German positions at Ostend, Middelkerke, Gistel and Zeebrugge, in Belgium, with good results. Bombs were dropped on gun positions, trawlers and barges and an aerodrome.

#### SOME FINE BEEF CATTLE

Mr. S. C. Mayo of Reddick, was in town today and said he had practically sold out the large supply of Rocky Ford cantaloupe seed that he saved from his Colorado farm last fall.

Mr. Mayo said he had sixty head of fine beef cattle about ready for market. The cattle were first allowed to run on the velvet bean field, and now are being fed cotton seed hulls and bran. The steers will weigh better than 600 pounds each and are in fine condition. Florida has a great deal of good beef cattle for sale this winter.

## TEN YEARS OLD TODAY

Just ten years ago today Mr. Marcus Frank, the present proprietor of Frank's, and Mr. T. H. Harris started the business that today occupies a position among the leading enterprises of the city, naming it The Variety Store. Mr. Harris has since retired from the business.

With considerable advance advertising and a whole lot of personal boosting the first day's business reached \$85. From that day right along through the years to the present date the business has been a constant upgrade.

From a "variety store" it has evolved into a department store of considerable size, and nearly all of the goods sold there at its beginning have been eliminated in the present scheme. Today there are separate departments for dry goods, ladies' ready made goods and men's furnishings. The latter department has only within the past few months been dignified by an entirely separate room from the others, and the business for some months has been "off," this line has accounted for itself in good shape at the close of each day's sales.

The gradual rise of Mr. Frank from a small merchant to one of the leaders in his line has been watched with much interest and pleasure by his friends, many of whom are today congratulating him upon the success he has achieved.

No small part of the success of Frank's is due to the constant and persistent use of printer's ink, he being possibly the largest consumer of that commodity in the city. He has tested the merits of advertising. His success stands as a testimonial to what can be accomplished with a small amount of capital, a lot of vim and push, and honesty in his dealings, assisted by that ever available business stimulator—printer's ink—properly applied.

#### BANKS WILL OBSERVE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, February 22nd, 1915, being a legal holiday in the state of Florida (Washington's birthday), the banks of this city will be closed for business on that day.

The Ocala National Bank. The Commercial Bank. Munroe & Chambliss Nat. Bank.

#### IMPORTANT CASE IN COURT

An ejectment case is being heard today by Judge W. S. Bullock, in which the Citizens Life Insurance Co. is complainant, and Alex and C. C. Lamb are defendants.

The suit is brought to recover possession of certain lands which formerly belonged to the Anthony Farms Co. near Anthony in this country. The complainant company claims that the defendants are occupying its lands without proper authority.

Messrs. Anderson & Anderson are attorneys for the insurance company, while the Messrs. Lamb are being represented by Attorneys R. A. Burford and R. B. Bullock.

The forenoon was devoted to securing a jury for the trial of the case. The panel when finally secured was composed of S. S. Knight, J. R. White, A. G. Gates, D. J. Carroll, E. W. Kraybill and B. A. Weathers. The trial is in progress at present and will likely last until tomorrow.

Several other cases of like nature have also been instigated and will probably be taken up as soon as the present one is disposed of.

On Saturday and Monday, 17 pounds of sugar for \$1, with one dollar's worth of other groceries, for cash. Smith Grocery Co. Phone 434. tf

#### OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

Merchant's Cafe, A. C. L. depot corner. Meals a la carte and lunches at any hour.—Adv.

Cut glass for all purposes at The Murray Company. 18-3t

All varieties of seed corn; also millet and sorghum, now in and for sale by the Ocala Seed Store. 5-tf

## RUSSIANS MAKING STUBBORN RESISTANCE

### AT BAY AGAINST FIERCE GERMAN ATTACKS

#### CHECKING DRIVE IN POLAND AND WINNING GROUND IN THE CARPATHIANS

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—At bay in positions in northern Poland on the right bank of the Vistula, the Russians are withstanding the terrific attacks of the Germans advancing from Thorn and Soldau. The German drive is being checked on the Plock front where the battle is raging with great intensity.

Further Russian successes are reported in the Carpathians, including the capture of 1400 prisoners and the complete annihilation of a German battalion at Lubniesz, in the St. Denne region.

Impetuous German attacks in the Wyszok district have been repulsed.

## ITALIANS ANXIOUS

### FOR THEIR COUNTRY TO GO INTO THE FIGHT

Rome, Feb. 18.—Ten thousand Italian troops are today guarding the embassies and government buildings, during a huge demonstration to force Italy to join in the war. Great crowds of people are surging through the streets.

#### MARKETING BUREAU IS HOLDING A MEETING

The entire executive force of the Florida Marketing Bureau is to hold a meeting at the Board of Trade room this afternoon, to talk over the affairs of the bureau. Different members from other parts of the state will be in attendance.

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Jennie Simmons Ericson, who was operated on at the hospital, returned to her home at Kendrick yesterday.

Mr. George Cauthen left Tuesday for his home at Oxford.

#### BIG OFFICE SAFE CHEAP

A large office safe, double cut and inside doors, Mosler make, stands over five feet high, 32 inches deep and 36 inches wide. Will sell for \$50 cash. Less than the freight and drayage from factory. Apply at Star office. 2-18-tf

#### DEMONSTRATION AND LECTURE

Tickets are now on sale for Miss Barrow's demonstration and lecture on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at the Woman's Club. The demonstration will begin at 9:30 in the morning and the lecture will be given at the regular club meeting, which begins at three o'clock in the afternoon. The lecture will be free to all club members.

Miss Barrow is secretary of the National Association of Home Economics, and teacher of cookery at Columbia University and Chataqua, N. Y., and is an authority on the subject.

The tickets are fifty cents and admit one to both the demonstration and the lecture. Tickets may be had at The Murray Co., or from any one of the following members of the committee: Mrs. Joe W. Davis, Mrs. J. W. Kea, Mrs. R. L. Lang, Mrs. E. G. Rivers, Mrs. M. E. Kramer, Mrs. J. H. Spencer, and Mrs. W. T. Gary, chairman. 12-tf

You will never fully appreciate a gin fix till you have tried one of those at Johnny's Place. 22-tf

## PORTE LIKES HUMBLE PIE

### GOBBLED A SLICE FOR ITALY. NOW CHEWS A BITE FOR GREECE

London, Feb. 18.—Turkey has apologized to Greece for the arrest of the Greek naval attaché in Constantinople. Danger of war has been removed for the present.

#### BONAPARTE'S BELT

Indicates that the Famous Corsican Wasn't So Immense

Paris, Feb. 18.—The belt worn by Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, which shows his girth then was forty-one and one-half inches, has been presented to the National Military Museum by Madame Polpot, widow of the military painter.

#### ORANGE LAKE

Orange Lake, Feb. 17.—The pleasant rain we had here Monday night and Tuesday was very beneficial, as things were getting dry.

Some lettuce is being shipped from here. Mr. Waits is taking the lead, having shipped 190 crates one day and has quite a good deal more about ready.

Mrs. Waits made a visit to her sister at Hawthorne last Sunday, who has been quite ill for some time.

Miss Nellie Crowe, who is the guest of Mrs. Waits, just returned a few days ago from a visit to Mrs. L. Montgomery of Micanopy.

Miss Salome Bookman, the sweet and attractive young lady who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burry for the past two months, has returned to her home in Columbia, S. C., much to the regret of many friends she made while here.

Mrs. Crowe and two charming daughters, Misses Nellie and Adrienne, from Meridian, Miss., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Waits for the winter.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated here by having the annual boat races, which will start from Hickson's Landing about 1:30 p. m. All are invited to attend. All who wish to have a picnic dinner may bring their baskets. We hope that the day will be fine and the races good.

#### McINTOSH

McIntosh, Feb. 17.—Things are booming for the boat races. The only thing that is needed is a fair day, with a gentle breeze, which would make things ideal.

In spite of the bad weather the hunters are making good use of the last few days of the hunting season, with good results.

Stock is moving from here now. Two carloads of cattle and hogs were loaded on Wednesday by Mr. S. H. Gaitskill and Mr. H. D. Wood. The hogs averaged 200 pounds each, while the cattle were in fine shape. The two carloads brought nearly \$2500. Some money when everyone has the war scare.

As for vegetables, we have just a few; shipped a carload of cabbage the past week, with a fair sprinkling of lettuce each day, something like 250 crates Monday.

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